

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 24-46 are pending in this application. Claims 24, 31, and 39 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 24, 31, and 39.

Drawings

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate whether the drawings filed in the referenced application are acceptable.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 102

Claims 24-46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by iPlanet Directory Server Administrator's Guide version 5.0, April 2001, Chapter 2 pp. 39-69 and Chapter 5 pp. 153-182 ("iPlanet").

iPlanet is not valid prior art to this application pursuant to MPEP §716.10. As evidenced by the attached declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, the content of iPlanet was conceived by David Boreham (one of the named inventors) and subsequently provided to technical writers to generate iPlanet. Thus, iPlanet is not valid prior art to the present application. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 13220/016001; P5829).

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